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2. PAKISTAN-AFGHANISTAN: AFTERMATH OF JALALABAD BOMBING

THE LEADER OF THE PRO-KABUL PAKISTANI AWAMI NATIONAL PARTY HAS CHARGED THAT THE US AND AFGHAN RESISTANCE LEADERS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR BOMBS THAT KILLED AT LEAST 15 MOURNERS FRIDAY IN THE AFGHAN CITY OF JALALABAD DURING THE FUNERAL OF THE PARTY'S FOUNDER. RESISTANCE GROUPS AND THE KABUL REGIME HAD ANNOUNCED A TRUCE TO ALLOW MOURNERS TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL, AND RESISTANCE LEADERS HAVE DENIED INVOLVEMENT IN THE BOMBINGS. AWAMI PARTY LEADERS ALSO HAVE BLAMED THE US FOR A BUS BOMBING THAT KILLED NINE ON TUESDAY IN THE PAKISTANI TOWN OF MINGAORA. AN AWAMI PARTY ATTEMPT TO ORGANIZE ANTI-US DEMONSTRATIONS IN PESHAWAR ON MONDAY FAILED.

MOST PAKISTANIS APPEAR TO ACCEPT DENIALS OF COMPLICITY BY THE RESISTANCE, HOWEVER, TENSIONS BETWEEN REFUGEES AND PAKISTANIS ARE LIKELY TO REMAIN HIGH, PARTICULARLY IN PESHAWAR, WHILE THE FUNERALS OF THE BOMBING VICTIMS CONTINUE. THE AWAMI PARTY WILL CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO INFLAME THE PUBLIC AGAINST THE US AND THE RESISTANCE IN AN EFFORT TO REGAIN THE STANDING IT LOST IN RECENT LOCAL ELECTIONS.

3. AFGHANISTAN: NEW SHIA ROLE IN RESISTANCE ALLIANCE

AN ALLIANCE DEVELOPING AMONG A LEADING AFGHAN SUNNI INSURGENT GROUP MAY EXPAND THE RESISTANCE BASE INTO THE PREVIOUSLY ISOLATED AFGHAN SHIA COMMUNITY.

MAINLY IN AFGHANISTAN'S NORTHERN AND CENTRAL PROVINCES.

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b3 [REDACTED] AN ALLIANCE WITH THE SHIAS MIGHT ENHANCE THE JAMIAT'S INFLUENCE IN THE SUNNI-DOMINATED SEVEN-PARTY ALLIANCE, WHILE GIVING THE SHIAS A VOICE IN THE LARGER AFGHAN RESISTANCE MOVEMENT. ALTHOUGH THE SHIAS IN NORTHERN AND CENTRAL AFGHANISTAN HAVE BEEN ONLY MINIMALLY INVOLVED IN FIGHTING THE SOVIETS, THEY CONTROL IMPORTANT RESISTANCE CONVOY ROUTES. THE [REDACTED] PARTIES CONSIDERING TIES TO JAMIAT ARE NOT CLOSE TO TEHRAN, BUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFGHAN SHIA-SUNNI TIES IS LIKELY TO INCREASE IRANIAN INFLUENCE WITHIN THE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT IN THE LONG RUN. [REDACTED] b3

4. INDIA-SRI LANKA: CONCERN ABOUT INDIAN INACTION

SRI LANKAN OFFICIALS ARE UPSET THAT INDIAN FORCES IN THE EASTERN PROVINCE ARE NOT BEING MORE AGGRESSIVE AGAINST THE LIBERATION TIGERS OF TAMIL EELAM. TENSIONS BETWEEN THE INDIANS AND THE SRI LANKAN MILITARY ARE BEING FANNED BY REPEATED REPORTS OF INDIAN ABUSE OF SINHALESE CIVILIANS AND OF THE INDIANS ARMING OTHER TAMIL INSURGENT GROUPS TO HELP FIGHT THE TIGERS. THE SRI LANKANS FEAR THAT WEAPONS GIVEN TO THESE GROUPS WILL EVENTUALLY BE USED AGAINST THE SRI LANKAN MILITARY. [REDACTED] SRI LANKAN AND INDIAN OFFICIALS ARE DISCUSSING INDIAN MILITARY PERFORMANCE IN NEW DELHI THIS WEEK. [REDACTED] b3

b3 [REDACTED] THE INDIAN MILITARY PROBABLY HAS ADOPTED A DEFENSIVE STRATEGY IN AN EFFORT TO LIMIT INDIAN CASUALTIES. THE INDIANS WILL CONTINUE DEPLOYING MORE TROOPS FOR INCREASED MILITARY ACTIVITY, AND THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS FOR INCREASED COOPERATION WITH SRI LANKAN POLICE AND NAVAL FORCES. THE INDIANS, HOWEVER, WILL STILL MAINTAIN TIGHT CONTROL TO ENSURE THAT THE SRI LANKAN FORCES DO NOT INDISCRIMINATELY KILL TAMILS. [REDACTED] b3

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--UNIDENTIFIED GUNMEN KIDNAPED WEST GERMAN-LEBANESE DUAL NATIONAL IN WEST BEIRUT YESTERDAY . . . POSSIBLE HIZBALLAH EFFORT TO INCREASE PRESSURE ON BONN TO RELEASE HAMMADI BROTHERS, BUT KIDNAPERS COULD BE FREELANCERS SEEKING RANSOM. [REDACTED] b3
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